



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Guiding Principles for AQMD Staff Comments on Legislation Relating to Climate Change

1. Climate change presents a significant public health and ecological threat and federal, state and local agencies should jointly address this problem in a comprehensive manner.
2. Implementation of the legislation must not result in a significant increase in criteria air pollutants or toxic air contaminants.
3. The legislation must not preempt state or local authority to regulate global warming pollutants or any other air pollutants.
4. Support legislation consistent with the goals in state law and the Governor's Executive Order for reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, respectively.
5. The legislation must assure that its implementation will not cause any net adverse environmental or economic impacts on environmental justice communities.
6. The legislation must assure that any credits or offsets allowed under the law are real, quantifiable (verifiable), surplus (additional), enforceable, and permanent for the time span in which they can be used.
7. If any program authorized under the legislation allows credits or offsets from sources outside California, they must be subject to enforcement, quantification, and monitoring procedures of comparable stringency to those used in California, and must be enforceable by California officials.
8. Any provisions for subsidizing industries through allocations of credits, incentive payments, revenues from credit auctions, or any other means must to the greatest extent feasible focus on the cleanest available industries, including renewable energy.
9. AQMD should receive funding for any implementation or research and development activities related to implementing climate change legislation.